

Fall 2023 • September, October, November

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NEWSLETTER



Chicago Ridge
Public Library

Get Wrapped Up in a Good Book



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Library News

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Fall Reading Program

September 18 - November 17

Visit our library website to sign up for fall reading and record your books. For help, please visit or call the library. If you used Beanstack for our previous reading programs, there is no need to make an account - just sign back in with your credentials and start logging!

For Adult Readers

Adults - Read 5 books to receive a small gift and 5 raffle tickets. To enter our raffle and receive your prize, stop in the library to see us!

For Kids and Teen readers

For kids ages baby through grade 5, read 30 books and receive a prize for every 5 books that you read. For teens in 6th -12th grade, read 6 books and receive a prize for every one book that you read. Receive guess forms and drawing tickets for books read. Age-appropriate prizes are available for children under 3 years.

Get Wrapped Up in a Good Book

EVENT REGISTRATION INFO - PLEASE READ!

We are offering programming both in-person and online. Registration for programs which require it will open on **Friday, September 1 at 9am**. The type of program is indicated using these letters:

D - Drop-in - in-person only, no registration

R - Register - in-person only, registration required

H - Hybrid - both in-person and online, registration required

Z - Zoom - online only, registration required

Please contact us if you have any questions!

Library Card Sign-up Month

A Library Card is ELEMENTAL!

September 1-30

Get in Your Element this September—sign up for a library card! From borrowing books, ebooks, and museum passes, learning new skills, or attending story time, a library card helps you do more of what you enjoy. Get a library card and dive into a new hobby. A library card is your most important school supply—it's elemental, really—and everyone should have one!

To participate simply show your library card to the circulation desk to receive a raffle ticket and a tote bag!



**A library card
is elemental.**

**Get yours
today!**

September is
LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

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Library News

Save the Date for Our Craft Fair

Calling all crafters! The Library invites you to support local artists and crafters at our craft fair on Sunday, December 3. To be a seller you must contact the Adult Services Department for an application to participate.

The deadline to apply to be a vendor is Friday, November 3.

All are welcome to shop!

Example of Vendors:

- Holiday decorations
- Handmade jewelry
- Home décor items like wall hangings or coasters
- Knitted goods such as blankets, scarfs or hats
- Personalized items

Fall Fest

Sunday, September 10 • 12pm

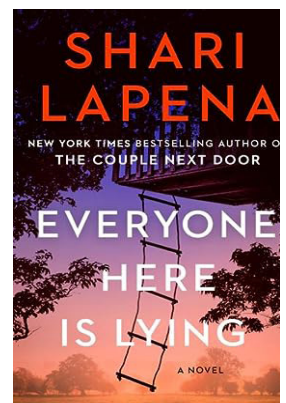
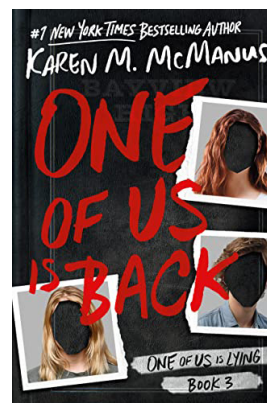
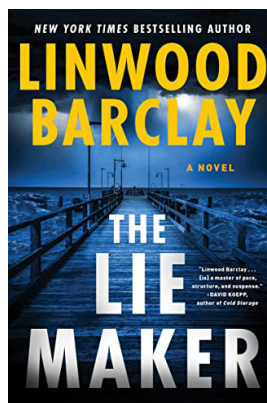
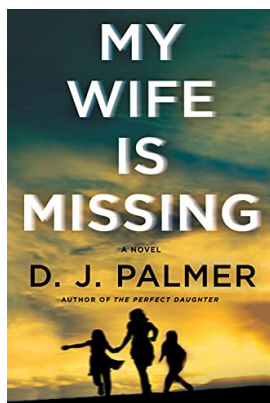
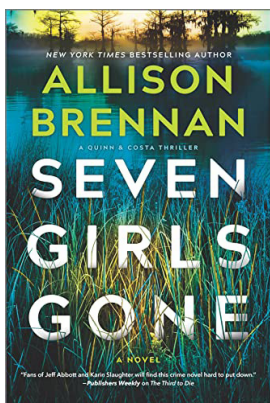
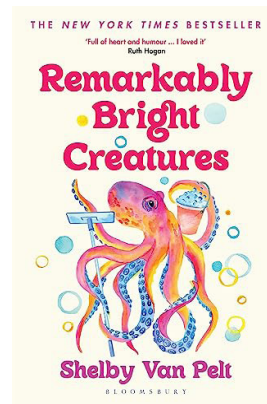
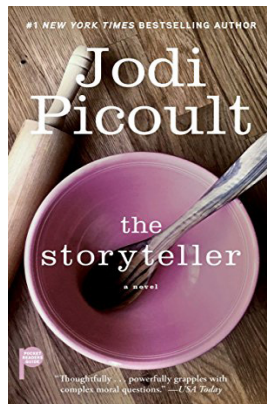
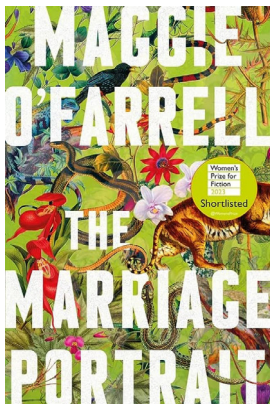
Pumpkin spice and everything nice! Fall is in the air! Join us for an afternoon packed full of fall family fun! There will be photo ops, pumpkin decorating, bobbing for apples, and even some delicious fall treats! *while supplies last* This event is for all ages.

Saying Goodbye to Our Long Time Program Stampin' Up

We are sad to announce that Stampin' Up will have its last session on December 9. We will miss having them at the library on the first Saturday of every month. Thank you for all the wonderful years. Keep an eye out for surprise appearances.



Staff Picks



Adult Programs

Blood Drive

Saturday, September 9 • 10am

We will be hosting a blood drive in our parking lot! To sign up or request more information, please see Adult Services. • R

Goat Yoga

Friday, September 29 • 10am

Friday, September 29 • 11:30am

Give yourself some happiness & let the stress of your day melt away! This all level event includes goat yoga with the goats roaming freely and Goat Fun. During goat fun we'll take pictures with the goats on backs, individual/group pictures, and feed them their cookies! Please bring a mat or towel. The first class is geared towards older adults and will be done sitting in a chair. • R



Smartphone Photography

Wednesday, September 27 • 7pm

Are you looking to capture print worthy photos with the camera that's always in your pocket? Or maybe you're looking to learn more about the cool things your camera phone can do. Join us for this informational class that covers techniques, tips, and organization practices via your smartphone. • R

Paranormal Investigating 101

Saturday, October 7 • 1pm

Come and enjoy learning the basics of paranormal investigating from Quantum Paranormal Investigators who have a combined 30 years of experience. Learn about the equipment, the dos and don'ts, and how to do an investigation in an appropriate way. You will also learn about well known haunted locations in the Chicago area and the state of Illinois and hear evidence from some of those locations. • R

Introduction to Tarot Cards

Monday, October 23 • 7pm

Learn all about the basics of Tarot cards: their history, lore, and how to read them. We will bring out a deck for you to practice on and you will get a handout of meanings to take home. • R

A Hollywood Halloween

Monday, October 30 • 7pm

Creep into the spooky side of classic Hollywood! From beloved classic horror films to lesser-known gems, explore the variety of classic horror films and characters as well as how the genre was developed to entertain audiences of all ages. Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she presents the production of impactful classic horror films, notable stars of the genre, as well as the legacy of these films and stars today. The program will include a multimedia presentation consisting of photos, video clips, and captivating stories. • R

A Grateful Veteran

Monday, November 6 • 7pm

Join Bosnian War Veteran Tom Kens as he takes you through a day in the life of a sailor on board the USS John F. Kennedy aircraft carrier. You'll also learn how the experience forged his attitude of gratitude and how you can use gratitude to cultivate more happiness in your own life. • R



Narcan Training

Tuesday, November 7 • 7pm

Saturday, November 18 • 10am

Opioid overdoses are a very serious problem. In 2020 alone, in suburban Cook County, there were 487 opioid-involved overdose deaths. Please join the University of Illinois Extension that has partnered with the Cook County Department of Public Health to provide a training on how to recognize the symptoms of an opioid overdose and administer life-saving naloxone. You will also have the opportunity to receive free Narcan at the end of the training. • R

Adult Programs

Monday Movie

Mondays • 10am

Join us every Monday morning for a feature film screening! Must be 18+ to attend. • **D**

English Hour (ESL)

Tuesdays • 11am

Join Eva and Alicia every Tuesday for coffee and conversation! This in-person program is for all levels of English language learners who are interested in practicing speaking English in a relaxed, fun group. We will pick a different topic each week covering many areas of everyday life including shopping, making appointments, doctor visits, restaurants and more. • **D**

Gentle Flow Yoga

Tuesdays • 2pm

The focus will be on simple movements designed to stretch and strengthen the whole body. This class can be completed while sitting in a chair! **Sessions will be held online and in person.** • **H**

TechWise

Thursdays, September 21 to October 26 • 1:30pm

Adults ages 60+ join us for this joint program with Pathlights to improve your technology skills. This is a six week, small group class covering computer basics, tech troubleshooting, email, online security, social media, better aging through technology and more! Class size is limited - stop by the Adult Services desk to learn more and to register. • **R**

Ageless Grace

Wednesday, September 6 & 20 • 10am

Wednesday, October 4 & 18 • 10am

Wednesday, November 1 & 15 • 10am

Ageless Grace® is a cutting-edge brain fitness program based on neuroplasticity that activates all five functions of the brain. Join us to work out your brain as well as your body in this fun, creative and playful chair exercise program. • **R**

Bingo!

Monday, October 16 • 7pm

Monday, November 27 • 7pm

Calling all rowdy bingo players! This is your time to shine. Prizes will be awarded to the game winners. Must be 18+ to play. • **R**

Memory Lab

We now have equipment that will allow you to convert obsolete formats into new formats: VHS to DVD, cassette to MP3 file, and 35 mm film and film slides into jpeg formats. Call the Adult Services desk to learn more.

The Memory Lab was made possible with a grant from Age Options.

SENIOR CONNECTIONS

Join us monthly for guest speakers, conversation, baked goods and bingo! We will cover topics of interest for older adults and end with a speed round of Bingo or a raffle with great prizes.

Funeral Planning

Thursday, September 21 • 10am

Steve Gerding, of Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home will discuss what preplanning entails and how it works, funeral service options, cost and financing, where preplanning funds are held, and what happens if one moves out of the area after going through the process. An open forum for Q&A will follow the presentation. • **R**

Flu/COVID Vaccines

Wednesday, October 18 • 11am

The best time to get vaccinated is now. If you're 60+, get your COVID-19 vaccine or flu shot. For more information please call or visit the Adult Services department. • **R**

Q-Tip Painting

Thursday, October 26 • 10am

Join us for a painting class where we will make a fall scene using acrylic paint and q-tips. • **R**

Brain Teasers

Thursday, November 16 • 10am

Workout your brain and have fun as we play some interactive memory-building games together. • **R**

Thank you Age Options, the Area Agency of Aging of suburban Cook County for the funds! This grant helps fund programming for older adults.

Craft Programs

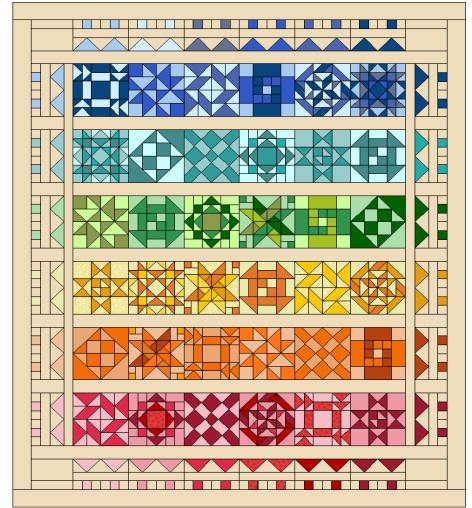
Block of the Month

Sunday, September 24 • 1pm

Sunday, October 15 • 1pm

Sunday, November 19 • 1pm

Join us for this year's Block of the Month, "Rainbow Row." In an original design by textile artist Eileen Uchima, you will learn multiple techniques each month, going home with instructions and the skills to create your own blocks. In this quilt with a modern flair, students will learn many different piecing techniques that are well suited to expand the skill set of beginner and more advanced quilters alike. This quilt is designed in multiple sizes, making it appropriate for a lap or bed quilt. Come taste the rainbow! • **R**



Fall Beaded Bracelet

Monday, September 25 • 7pm

Tuesday, September 26 • 10am

Fall is in the air. We will be making a beaded bracelet using beads and leaf charms. We will be working with jewelry pliers and small crimp beads. • **R**

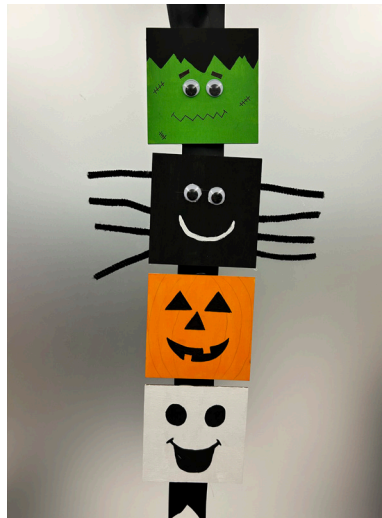


Spooky Door Hanger

Monday, October 2 • 7pm

Tuesday, October 3 • 10am

Get your spooky on and create a wooden door hanger just in time for the holidays! • **R**



Stampin Up

Saturday, September 2 • 10am

Saturday, October 7 • 10am

Saturday, November 4 • 10am

Make professional-looking hand-made cards and other creative projects with rubber stamping techniques! \$15 fee for supplies, pay at time of class. • **D**



Winter Painting

Monday, November 20 • 6:30pm

Paint a winter scene with local artist Diane Shebelski. • **R**

Save the Date For Our Craft Fair

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Book Discussions

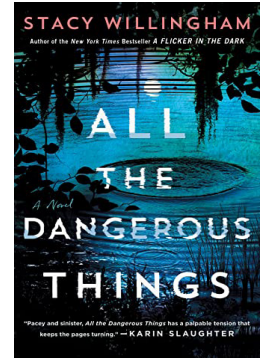
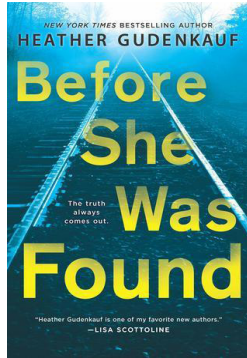
Killer Thrillers

Monday, September 11 • 6pm

Monday, October 9 • 6pm

Monday, November 13 • 6pm

Are you good at catching a killer?
Do you enjoy a good thriller? Then
join our Killer Thriller book club
hosted by Lori. • R



Book Talk

Thursday, September 14 • 7pm

Thursday, October 12 • 7pm

Thursday, November 9 • 7pm

Do you enjoy great reads and
spirited conversations with your cof-
fee? Book Talk is the club for you!
Hosted by Eva. The books will be
announced at the first meeting. • R

Books and Bagels

Wednesday, September 27 • 10am

Wednesday, October 25 • 10am

Wednesday, November 29 • 10am

Join Alicia for breakfast treats, and
coffee! In this group we read and
discuss a variety of titles (always
available in large print). New mem-
bers are always welcome. • R

New
Members
Welcome!

Illinois Library Presents

The Power of Story with Colson Whitehead

Wednesday, September 6 • 7pm

Join Colson Whitehead, author of *The Underground Railroad*, *The Nickel Boys*, and *Harlem Shuffle*, for a discussion on his latest work. • L

Chills and Thrills with Stephen Graham Jones

Wednesday, October 4 • 7pm

Stephen Graham Jones joins us to talk scary stories, horror and more with
librarian Becky Spratford. Jones is the New York Times bestselling author
of *The Only Good Indians* and *Don't Fear the Reaper*, and a prolific
author of more than 25 books spanning genres. • L

Food, Family, and Folktales: A Conversation with Grace Lin

Tuesday, October 17 • 7pm

Join Newbery and Caldecott honoree and New York Times bestselling
author Grace Lin for an engaging conversation about her journey to
become an award-winning author and illustrator. • L

A Taste of Love with Maya-Camille Broussard of Justice of the Pies

Wednesday, November 8 • 7pm

Join Maya Camille Broussard, star of Netflix's *Bake Squad*, and owner of
Chicago based *Justice of the Pies* for a demo from her kitchen just in time
for Thanksgiving. • L



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Youth Programs

Do you have a Library Card?

Sign up for a library card either at Chicago Ridge or the library in the town that you live in. We accept library cards from all of the surrounding areas. Show us your library card when you sign-up for Fall Reading and you will receive an extra special present!



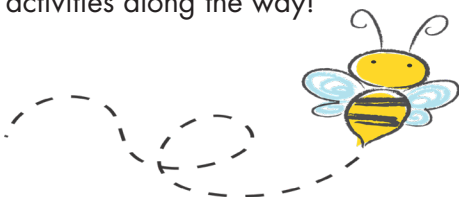
Daily Hider

Your library is stocked with the new books that you want to read! The books are on-shelf and waiting for you to visit. While you are on your book hunt be sure to be on the lookout for the hidden library cat. Each day a new library cat will be hidden and whoever finds it will win a spooky squishy!



Bee A Reader

Buzz into the library all you busy little bees, we have a reading program that is perfect for ages newborn, one, two and three! Listen to stories read to you each day and receive some great presents and activities along the way!



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Fall Reading Prizes for Children Under 3



Level 1



Level 2



Level 3



Level 4



Level 5

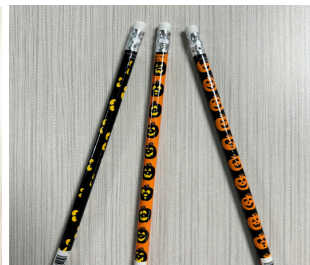


Level 6

Fall Reading Prizes for Children and Teens



Level 1



Level 2



Level 3



Level 4



Level 5



Level 6

Youth Programs

Video Gaming Club

Mondays • 6pm

Beginning September, 18 participants in grades 3 - 12 can stop by for some gaming! Video games and board games will be available to play! Last session will be held on November 13. • **D**

Chess Club

Tuesdays • 4pm

Interested in chess? Whether you are a beginner or an expert, all are welcome to join us every Tuesday to play chess with other kids beginning September 19th. For kids 6 to 13. *no chess club on October 31* Last session will be held on November 14 • **D**

Scavenger Hunt & Movie

Tuesdays • 6pm

Go on a scavenger hunt to discover the clues to see what movie you will be watching. Beginning September 19 children, teens, and their families can watch a movie on the big screen and then make a fun craft! Last session will be held on November 14 • **D**

Bingo

Wednesdays • 6pm

Every Wednesday starting September 20 stop by the library for a fun game of Bingo and win some great prizes! Bingo is perfect for kids in preschool through 12th grade! Last session will be held on November 15 • **D**

After School Club

Thursdays • 3:30pm

Beginning August 31 visit the library for some after school fun! Have a snack, make a craft, and more! • **D**

Fall Fest

Sunday, September 10 • 12pm

Pumpkin spice and everything nice! Fall is in the air! Join us for an afternoon packed full of fall family fun! There will be photo ops, pumpkin decorating, bobbing for apples, and even some delicious fall treats! *while supplies last* • **D**

Computer Basics for Kids

Mondays October 2 - October 30 • 4pm

Is your child interested in computers? This is the perfect program for them! Throughout these sessions we will learn how to turn on a computer, use a mouse, and navigate through a search engine. We will also learn about the importance of being safe online! This program is for children in 1st-3rd grade! • **R**

3D Doodler Pen DIY Ghost

Wednesday, October 25 • 4pm

Listen to some spooky stories, then create a 3D ghost using a special 3D printing pen. This program is for children in 3rd-5th grade. • **R**

Halloween Trick or Treat Party

Tuesday, October 31 • 6-8pm

Make the library a stop on your Halloween trick or treating adventure for a drop in party! • **D**

Baby Day at the Library

Thursday, November 2 • 10am

Today we are celebrating babies! You and your little one can join us and learn about the 1,000 books before kindergarten program, make a fun keychain, and enjoy some treats! • **D**

International Games Day

Saturday, November 4 • 9:30am

Calling all gamers! Visit the library anytime during the day for some fun gaming! We will have board games, video games, and even some retro gaming as well! • **D**

Fall Scavenger Hunt

Can you find all of the hidden items at the library this fall? Each month pick-up the scavenger hunt list from the Youth Services desk, and see if you can find all of the hidden items!

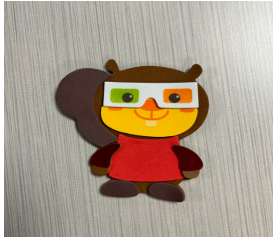
Crafts To Go

Each Monday a new craft will be available for pickup to take home and complete.

Youth Programs

Fall Crafts at the Library

Visit the library throughout the week on the following dates anytime that we are open to make a craft. If supplies run out, a different craft will be offered. Ages 3 - Grade 12



September 18-24
Fall Critter



September 25-
October 1
Hello Fall Sign



October 2-8
Fall Leaf Butterfly



October 9-15
Fall Leaf Suncatcher



October 16-22
Halloween
Jewel Art



October 23-29
Halloween Character
Sticker Scene



October 30-
November 5
Halloween
Sticker Scene



November 6-12
Sunflower
Wreath



November 13-17
Turkey Craft

Teen Programs

Project Next Generation You Can be a Magician!

Sunday, November 5 • 11:30am - 2:30 pm

Sunday, November 12 • 11:30am - 2:30 pm

During the magic workshops you will learn a variety of magic tricks that will amaze! Snacks and breaks will be provided during the sessions. Participants will get to keep a variety of magic tricks. This program is for ages 10-18 years old. Please feel free to bring an adult along with you to join in the fun as you learn tricks that you can amaze your whole family with at family gatherings. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk. • R

Library receives Project Next Generation Grant

For the 10th year in a row, our library has received a Project Next Generation (PNG) grant that will empower tweens and teens in our community to Dream Big at Your Library by providing clubs that explore career paths and promote learning in the areas of STEAM. Funding for PNG is provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Illinois State Library under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The clubs will include - You can be a Magician, You can be an Architect, You can be a Mechanic, and You can be an Artist. See Teen Programs for more details.



Volunteers

Teens in 6th-12th grade can sign up for a two hour time slot once a week. Volunteering will begin September 18. Applications will be available starting September 1st.

Youth Programs

Trending Topics in Kids' Health Community Health Education Series

Caregivers will connect with health experts and each other to learn about children's development, health, and well-being. Presented by Advocate Children's Hospital and library partners.

Topic: Ready...Set...Launch Your Child's Speech and Language Development

Saturday, October 14 • 10:00am-11:15am

Mary Burke, MS, CCC-SLP/L is a Pediatric Speech-Language Pathologist who specializes in newborns and young children with health challenges to develop speech and language skills. She will discuss speech and language milestones, suggest when to call the doctor about speech concerns, and will give tips to boost children's speech and language skills in families who speak English as a second language. This will be a virtual presentation that you watch from home. • **L**



Topic: Language, Literacy, and Your Child's Brain Development

Saturday, October 21 • 10:00am-11:15am

Clare Crosh, DO, MS, FAAP is a general pediatrician who completes research in literacy and health equity. She will discuss why reading to newborns and young children promotes brain development and language skills. Learn tips for reading to your little ones and practice your skills. This will be a live presentation at the Chicago Ridge Public Library. Free giveaways to those that attend in person. • **R**



Story Times

Sensory Playtime

Mondays • 10am

Every Monday starting September 18 join us for tactile books, sensory toys, and bubbles! All ages and abilities are welcome! Last session will be held on November 13. • **D**

Books and Bubbles

Tuesdays • 10am

Thursdays • 6pm

Every Tuesday and Thursday this fall visit the library for music, bubbles, stories, and games! Last session will be held on November 16. • **D**



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Monday - Thursday: **9am-9pm**
Friday - Saturday: **9am-5pm**
Sunday: **11am-3pm**

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Dana Wishnick

Program Statement

Register for programs at the library by phone, or on the library's website. Program fees must be paid at time of registration. Programs with low registration may be canceled 48 hours before the event, at which time registered patrons will be notified by phone.

Photo Statement

On occasion the library will take pictures of program participants to be used in library publicity. Please notify library staff if you do not wish to be photographed. Parents who do not wish their child to be photographed must also notify staff.

Patrons with Disabilities

The library is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Any individuals who require certain accommodations which would enable them to participate in library functions are requested to call the library at 708-423-7753 at least 5 working days prior to the function.

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A Big Thank You!

Thank you to Windy City Thunderbolts, Chicago Red Stars, Brookfield Zoo, The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn for your support of our Summer Reading Program.

A Look Back on Summer



LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Monday, September 4, 2023
Thursday, November 23, 2023